

Ministries, departments to start implementing Government priorities, policies and initiatives

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Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid, further said the improvement of the government's four-year action plan embodies the Representatives Council's confidence in it, noting that all ministries and government departments will begin implementing the Programme's priorities, policies and initiatives immediately, in line with HM the King's visions and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister's directives.

Budget to reflect all decisions: Finance Minister

The Minister of Finance and National Economy, Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, told the MPs that all the agreements reached in the House of Parliament - giving priority to citizens, improving their living standards, raising wages and purchasing power - would be reflected in the upcoming decisions and laws, especially in the general budget.

Creating promising opportunities for citizens calls for following the spirit of one Bahrain team and focusing on all sectors, which also calls for proper training and correct investments, the minister said, saluting Bahraini workers for boosting the economy.

Emphasising his pride in all Bahrainis in various positions, the minister said that the employment plans should include

'Unanimous approval' sets road map for sixth term, says HM King

Citizens are ultimate goal of development: HRH CP, PM

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa yesterday hailed the unanimous approval of the Government Action Programme as a road map that serves the interests of Bahrain and its loyal people during the sixth legislative term.

HM King said this in a cable of congratulations to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

His Majesty said the unanimous endorsement reflects parliamentary confidence in the ability of HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister and the members of the Government to achieve the aspirations of the people of Bahrain.

HM King said he looks forward to continuing fruitful



cooperation and coordination between the executive and legislative branches, stressing trust in HRH for the future of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

King Hamad praised HRH Prince Salman's dedicated efforts to bolster comprehensive development, enhance Government work and support vital sectors.

In his reply, HRH CP, PM reiterated loyalty to HM the King, pledging to continue dedicated work and give priority to

citizens as the ultimate goal of development.

HRH said that the endorsement of the Government Action Programme ushers in a new phase of national work led by HM the King.

"The approval of the plan by the Council of Representatives, which showed fruitful and commendable cooperation, requires the efforts and cooperation of the Team Bahrain and the contributions of loyal citizens so that the paths of development continue towards broader horizons," said HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

Prince Salman further pledged continued cooperation between the executive and legislative, reiterating his commitment to solid partnership for the sake of the nation and its people.

not only new entrants but jobs for all, and their career development.

"What has been achieved yesterday is a good start," the min-

ister stressed, reminding that mutual trust is crucial in going forward.

The general budget, the minister said, is decided only through

a consensus with the representatives.

The minister also told the session that the amendments made yesterday reflect the agreement

of the two authorities.

"It is a greeting to every Bahraini in the Kingdom," the minister said, indicating new plans to create more job opportunities.

Set BD850 minimum salary: Al Salloum

MP Ahmed Al Salloum yesterday proposed creating 30,000 jobs for citizens in the private sector, with average salaries, as a radical solution to improve living standards.

Raising the salaries, Al Salloum said, will help Bahrainis fulfil their needs without government intervention, which they currently fail to achieve for their low income.

"The growth rates also reflect this," he said, calling for the ceiling of the minimum wage to be set at BD850 or BD1,000.

Representatives Council Speaker, Ahmed bin Salman

Al-Musallam, extended deepest congratulations to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on the approval of the Government Programme, commending the prominent role played by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in attaining such a national accomplishment.

Speaker Al-Musallam also praised the constructive cooperation of the government team, led by Deputy Prime Minister, Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, who, he said, responded positively to the remarks and visions of the Representatives Council.

He also thanked the parliamentary committee in charge of studying the Government Programme, and Secretariat-General for reaching a consensus on the government blueprint.



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FINANCE MINISTER, SHAIKH SALMAN



National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, Major-General His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, yesterday received Foreign Minister, Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al-Zayani, along with the heads of Bahrain's diplomatic missions to brotherly and friendly countries, marking the kingdom's "Diplomatic Day". HH Shaikh Nasser welcomed the heads of diplomatic missions, commending their efforts to enhance Bahrain's cooperation with other countries. He also praised their keenness to achieve the national goals and aspirations, as well as open up new horizons of cooperation, within the comprehensive development process, led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and supported by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and Prime Minister. HH Shaikh Nasser called for encouraging and supporting Bahraini youth by creating opportunities for them to engage in the diplomatic field and wished the heads of Bahraini diplomatic missions success in carrying out their new diplomatic duties and strengthening the kingdom's ties



Less workers needed as printer does all the heavy lifting

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The project is a two-year collaboration by Hannah, Peri 3D Construction and Cive, a construction engineering company.

Hikmat Zerbe, Cive's head of structural engineering, hopes the innovative technique can one day help more quickly and cheaply build multifamily homes.

In addition, concrete can withstand the hurricanes, heavy storms and other severe weather in Texas that is becoming more frequent and severe due to climate change.

And since the printer does all the heavy lifting, less workers are needed at the construction site.

"Traditional construction, you know



A 12-ton industrial 3-D printer is used to print concrete for the first 3-D-printed, two-story home under construction in Houston, Texas

the rules, you know the game, you know behavior. In here, everything is new," the material properties, the material Zerbe said.



A construction worker watches as a 3-D printer lays concrete

"The material is new, although concrete is an old material in general, but 3D printing concrete is something new."